

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement and Species Election Requirement dated April 2, 2007, applicants elect **Group II** for examination at this time. Claims 1-153 and 173-240 are canceled without prejudice to the filing of any divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application. Claim 154 is amended herein. Claims 241-249 are new. Claims 154-172 and 241-249 are currently pending.

In addition, applicants hereby elect the following species with regard to the five components identified by the Examiner:

- (1) A synthetic polymer chosen from:
  - (c) Activated groups as recited in claim 26
- (2) An activated group chosen from:
  - (e) Electrophilic site
- (3) A formula (polymer backbone)-(Q-Y)<sub>n</sub>, wherein Q is a linking group comprising G(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub> and G is chosen from:
  - (a) Oxygen
- (4) A formula (polymer backbone)-(D-Q-Y)<sub>n</sub>, wherein D is a biodegradable group chosen from:
  - (d) Poly (alpha-hydroxy acid)
- (5) A composition comprising a drug, wherein the drug is chosen from: a cell cycle inhibitor.

Claim 154 is amended to correct a typographical error. New claims 241-249 are added to further define the composition used in the elected method claims. Support for the new claims can be found, for example, in original claims 15-16, 26, 37, 46-48, 53, 54, 57, 78 and 81-82. Applicants have taken into consideration the five components identified by the Examiner in the Species Election requirement when adding new claims 241-249. Accordingly, only one species is recited in each of the new claims.

Claims 154-172 and 241-247 read on the elected species. Applicants reserve the right to rejoin all combinations of the particular elected subcombination of species once the elected subject matter is found allowable.

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Consideration of claims 154-172 and 241-249 is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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